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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION

CIVIL NO. 1:07CV182

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

\$5108.00, and  
\$2394.00, and  
\$2776.00, and  
\$5095.15,

IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY,

Defendants.

CONSENT ORDER FOR STAY

This matter is brought before the Court jointly by the United States and Claimants Mirtayyab Muhammad Mujtaba, with counsel, and Farzad Akbar, with counsel, to enter a stay of this civil forfeiture case pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §981(g), pending resolution of a related criminal investigation.

The Court FINDS that a stay is warranted at this time in order to protect the integrity of the United States' investigation and the Fifth Amendment rights of the Claimants,

It is therefore ORDERED that this case is stayed until further order of the Court.


It is further ORDERED this stay shall be without prejudice to the Claimants' right to file other pleadings or responsive motions within the time permitted by the Rules of Civil Procedure, with the applicable time period to begin running from the date the stay is lifted.

This the 26th day of October, 2007.

  
DENNIS L. HOWELL  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

SO AGREED:

  
THOMAS R. ASCIK  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

  
MAX O. COGBURN, JR.  
Counsel to Mirtayyab Muhammad Mujtaba and Farzad Akbar